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Public Safety Commission Meeting Date: January 30, 2017

Date of Approval: _____

Call to Order: This meeting of the Public Safety Commission was held in the Library Community Room on January 30, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

Members in Attendance: Jim Stanford, Kay Clements, Judy Ewald, Judy Erikson

Members Not in Attendance: Bob Duis

Others in Attendance: Natalie Helms\CVN, Mike Denker, Bill McCord, Emily Files\KHNS, Mike Case, Tim Holt, Jenn Walsh, Brian Clay, Margaret Friedenauer, Brad Ryan, Jila Stuart, Tom Morphet, Heather Lende, Chris Brown, Al Giddings, and others.

Agenda/Minutes approval: Jim Stanford added to New Business- there are seats open on the Public Safety Commission. Kay Clements moved to approve the amended agenda and the minutes of the last meeting; such motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: The following individuals spoke:

Mike Denker, Bill McCord, Paul Nelson, Dean Lari

Staff Comments: None.

New Business:

This is a brainstorming session on how to handle calls outside the townsite. The commission considered 4 options:

OPTION 1: Haines Borough bill Alaska State Troopers for HPD response time to outer Borough

OPTION 2: A vote of the people to expand HPD Borough wide. This would require a vote of the people outside the current Townsite service area and may require a mill rate increase in property taxes or other creative ways of funding.

OPTION 3: Change the current Borough wide Medical service area to an Emergency services service area covering emergency police response, ambulance and search and rescue. This may require a Borough wide vote and could be funded by an increase in the current sales tax being used to fund the Medical service are. This would not include fire protection as that is already covered by separate service areas.

OPTION 4: Approach the Alaska State Troopers about the placement of A VPSO at the Klehini Valley Fire Dept. to assist that fire dept. with fire, Medical and some police

responsibilities. This would require a request from the Manager and partial funding from the Haines Borough.

Motion: Jim Stanford moved to “have the PSC recommend that the Assembly ask the manager to 1)contact the Alaska State Troopers to explore the possibility of billing the State for costs incurred when HPD responds outside the townsite service area; and 2) request the Chief of Police project costs for the estimated outer borough response, and consult with the CFO to estimate how much sales tax would need to be increased to cover those additional costs” the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Motion: Jim Stanford moved that “all 3 names be forwarded to the Mayor for appointment or reappointment to the PSC”, such motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Agenda items for next time:

1. Discussion about police schedule and manpower.
2. How will search and rescue be funded?
3. Discussion about charging for ambulance services.

Next Meeting: February 21, 2017 at 5:30 pm at Assembly Chambers.

Adjournment: Absent objection, the meeting was adjourned.

By: Alekka Fullerton, Deputy Clerk